

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
McALLEN DIVISION

LIZELLE GONZALEZ) (
Plaintiff) (
) (
VS.) (CIVIL ACTION NO.
) (7:24-cv-00132
GOCHA ALLEN RAMIREZ,) (
ALEXANDRIA LYNN BARRERA,) (
RENE FUENTES, and STARR) (
COUNTY, TEXAS) (
Defendants) (

ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
BECKY ANN ROCHA
JUNE 4, 2025
(Reported Remotely)

ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF BECKY ANN ROCHA, produced as a witness at the instance of the DEFENDANTS, taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on JUNE 4, 2025, between the hours of 3:13 p.m. and 5:06 p.m., reported stenographically by DONNA McCOWN, Certified Court Reporter No. 6625, in and for the State of Texas, in Roma, Texas, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any provisions stated on the record or attached therein.

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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Today is June 4, 2025.
2 This is the deposition of Becky Rocha. It is 3:13 p.m.
3 We're on the record.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: This deposition is
5 being conducted remotely. The witness is located in
6 Roma, Texas. My name is Donna McCown, Texas Certified
7 Shorthand Reporter No. 6625. I am administering the
8 oath and reporting the deposition remotely by
9 stenographic means from my residence in Harlingen,
10 Texas. Would counsel please state their appearances,
11 who they represent, and locations for the record
15:13 12 beginning with the taking attorney.

15:13 13 MS. ALBIN: Kelly Albin. I am located in
15:13 14 Seabrook, Texas. I represent defendants Gocha Allen
15:14 15 Ramirez, Alexandria Barrera, Sheriff Rene Fuentes, and
15:14 16 Starr County.

15:14 17 MS. GARZA: Good afternoon. My name is
15:14 18 Cecilia Garza, and I represent the plaintiff. I'm
15:14 19 located in San Isidro, Texas.

15:14 20 BECKY ANN ROCHA,
15:14 21 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

15:14 22 EXAMINATION

15:14 23 BY MS. ALBIN:

15:14 24 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Rocha.

15:14 25 A. Good afternoon.

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15:34 1 know who it was. I didn't know where it was coming
15:34 2 from. I just knew when I talked to my sister that it
15:34 3 was going to be the attorney that was going to be
15:34 4 representing us.

15:34 5 I didn't know Vance Gonzales had quit
15:34 6 until the day before yesterday. So I was not aware of
15:34 7 anything. I have not spoken to Mr. Hole. I have not
15:34 8 spoken to Mr. Gonzales. I haven't spoken in months to
15:34 9 Ms. Cecilia Garza. So it's like I said, ma'am, I was
15:34 10 kept in the dark.

15:35 11 Q. Did your sister Rosita ever tell you why she
15:35 12 was working with the plaintiff's lawyers and providing
15:35 13 text messages from you?

15:35 14 A. Well, she said that it was to help Lizelle
15:35 15 Gonzalez with her case, that maybe the text messages
15:35 16 that I had sent, my sister would help Ms. Garza with
15:35 17 the case.

15:35 18 Q. And did your sister tell you why she was
15:35 19 concerned about helping Ms. Gonzalez or helping
15:35 20 Ms. Garza with the case?

15:35 21 A. Yes. She mentioned something about getting
15:35 22 back at Mr. Ramirez.

15:35 23 Q. And did she say what she was trying to get back
15:35 24 at him for?

15:35 25 A. Oh, yes. She -- she -- it's like I mentioned

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15:35 1 earlier right now when I started talking to you, ma'am.
15:35 2 She told me things about Mr. Ramirez that I was unaware
15:36 3 of, and it was like we were talking about two different
15:36 4 people.

15:36 5 Because what she told me about Mr. Allen
15:36 6 Ramirez were things that I had no idea that they were
15:36 7 going on. I had no idea they were in contact, because
15:36 8 Mr. Ramirez would always tell me that he was not in
15:36 9 contact with my sister.

15:36 10 And all this time, she sent me so many
15:36 11 text messages where they were having conversations,
15:36 12 among other things.

15:36 13 Q. Okay.

15:36 14 A. And that's why she wanted to get back at
15:36 15 Mr. Ramirez because Mr. Ramirez was talking things
15:36 16 about her son, and my sister is very overprotective
15:36 17 with her son.

15:36 18 Q. And she -- you know that she testified earlier
15:37 19 this morning, right?

15:37 20 A. Yes, I -- yeah, she told me last night.

15:37 21 Q. Okay. And she testified that when the two of
15:37 22 you reconnected in January after your husband passed
15:37 23 away that you told her that Mr. Ramirez had said she
15:37 24 was having a sexual relationship with her son. Did you
15:37 25 tell her that?

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15:37 1 A. That Mr. Ramirez had told me that -- that she
15:37 2 had sexual relations with her son?

15:37 3 Q. Yes.

15:37 4 A. No. Mr. Ramirez told me that he had heard --
15:37 5 that he had heard that she and her son had something
15:37 6 going on, that people thought, people assumed that they
15:37 7 were having a sexual relationship.

15:37 8 Q. And did you tell your sister that information
15:37 9 in January 2025?

15:37 10 A. Yes.

15:37 11 Q. Okay. Was she -- how did she react to that
15:38 12 when you told her that?

15:38 13 A. She told me that she had heard the same thing
15:38 14 from Mr. -- from the county judge Eloy Vera, that Eloy
15:38 15 Vera -- that somebody else had mentioned it to
15:38 16 Mr. Vera, and Mr. Vera told my sister Rosie that
15:38 17 Mr. Ramirez had been -- that they had heard it from
15:38 18 Mr. Ramirez's mouth, whoever told Judge Vera.

15:38 19 She didn't -- she didn't tell me who told
15:38 20 Judge Vera. She just told me that Judge Vera had said
15:38 21 that Gocha was saying that, that Mr. Ramirez was saying
15:38 22 that.

15:38 23 Q. Was she angry? Did she seem angry to you?

15:38 24 A. Oh, yes, definitely.

15:38 25 Q. Did it seem like she wanted to get revenge for

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15:39 1 those statements she believed he made?

15:39 2 MS. GARZA: Objection, speculation.

15:39 3 Q. You can answer.

15:39 4 A. I can answer?

15:39 5 Q. Yes.

15:39 6 A. What was your question?

15:39 7 Q. Did it seem like she wanted to get revenge for
15:39 8 the statements that she believed Mr. Ramirez had made
15:39 9 about her and her son?

15:39 10 A. Well, not --

15:39 11 MS. GARZA: Objection, speculation.

15:39 12 Sorry, Ms. Rocha.

15:39 13 A. It's okay. It's not revenge. I don't -- I
15:39 14 don't see it as revenge. From what she told me all
15:39 15 about Mr. Ramirez that I was not aware of it at all,
15:39 16 it's not the Mr. Ramirez I knew. It was about setting
15:39 17 things straight, getting to the -- getting to the
15:39 18 truth.

15:39 19 That's how I -- I felt that she was doing
15:39 20 it to -- to get this straightened out after I found out
15:40 21 that -- that all the things that she was telling me
15:40 22 about Mr. Ramirez, and then it was hard for me to
15:40 23 believe it.

15:40 24 Because Mr. Ramirez had mentioned to me
15:40 25 several times that he was in no contact with my sister,

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15:40 1 for me to promise him that I was not going to talk to
15:40 2 my sister after everything she had done to me.

15:40 3 So I don't think it was revenge. I think
15:40 4 she just wanted to set the record straight or for me to
15:40 5 know the real Mr. Ramirez.

15:40 6 Q. Okay. When did you first meet Mr. Ramirez?

15:40 7 A. Oh, me and Mr. Ramirez have a long history. I
15:40 8 met Mr. Ramirez the first time when I was 17. And then
15:40 9 after that, when I was 26 -- no. It was -- yes, when I
15:41 10 was 26, we started seeing each other.

15:41 11 And we -- I've had issues with three --
15:41 12 three of his wives that he's had, I've had issues with
15:41 13 them. And we -- we got -- we started going out when I
15:41 14 was like 26, and then when -- it lasted, like, about
15:41 15 probably two years, two and a half years.

15:41 16 And then after that, we would see each
15:41 17 other occasionally, because I lived in Mexico, and I
15:41 18 started seeing him again while I was pregnant with my
15:41 19 daughter. And then that's when I started living in
15:41 20 Mexico, ma'am. But when I could come to Rio, I
15:41 21 would -- we would see each other occasionally, not
15:42 22 often, you know.

15:42 23 But then a couple of years -- ten years --
15:42 24 I mean, this last time that me and Mr. Ramirez were
15:42 25 seeing each other, it was in 2012 up until 2022.

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15:42 1 Q. And you were in a romantic relationship?

15:42 2 A. Well, from my -- well, from what I've heard is
15:42 3 that Mr. Ramirez says that I was an acquaintance. But
15:42 4 all Starr County knows. Most of the Starr County knows
15:42 5 we had a relationship.

15:42 6 So I don't think it was -- I don't know if
15:42 7 it was a romantic relationship, because we -- I mean,
15:42 8 we weren't in -- at least not me. I was -- I was not
15:42 9 in love with Mr. Ramirez. Yes, I had lot of love for
15:42 10 him because of how he treated me, how he -- how nice he
15:43 11 was to me, but I don't think Mr. Ramirez ever loved me
15:43 12 either, you know, because it was not -- it was not like
15:43 13 I was going to leave my husband, although he asked me
15:43 14 if I would ever leave my husband for him.

15:43 15 And I would say that maybe I would, but I
15:43 16 never did, I mean not even when I got pregnant by
15:43 17 Mr. Ramirez I did not leave my husband. I chose to
15:43 18 have -- he -- he told me that I had to have -- get -- I
15:43 19 mean, he didn't tell me like straight out to have an
15:43 20 abortion, but he told me that I could -- we couldn't
15:43 21 have that baby because of his career.

15:43 22 Q. When was that?

15:43 23 A. I was -- it was in between '96 and '97.

15:43 24 Q. Okay.

15:43 25 A. 1996 or '97.

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15:43 1 Q. And what ended the relationship in 2022?

15:44 2 A. Yes. It ended in 2022 without -- without
15:44 3 either of us saying anything to each other. We just
15:44 4 parted ways.

15:44 5 Q. Okay. Have you -- when was the last time you
15:44 6 spoke with him?

15:44 7 A. With Mr. Ramirez, the last time I spoke with
15:44 8 Mr. Ramirez, I believe that it was in November of 2022,
15:44 9 because I remember it was going to be Thanksgiving.
15:44 10 And I went to his -- where -- the subdivision where he
15:44 11 lives, and I parked my truck -- my vehicle at the
15:44 12 water -- there's a water something, a building there
15:44 13 where his subdivision is.

15:44 14 And I would park my car there, and he
15:44 15 would go pick me up, and that was the last time I saw
15:44 16 him.

15:44 17 Q. Have you spoken to him since November 2022?

15:45 18 A. No.

15:45 19 Q. All right. And I believe that your sister
15:45 20 testified earlier that she had seen a social media page
15:45 21 where you were posting about Mr. Ramirez I think in
15:45 22 2021. Do you recall talking to her about that?

15:45 23 A. Yes.

15:45 24 Q. And what was it that you were posting about him
15:45 25 in 2021, just generally?

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15:45 1 A. That I had new information about our new DA. I
15:45 2 called Mr. Ramirez, and I told him what -- what I was
15:45 3 going to do. I sent him a screenshot also.

15:45 4 Q. And what was it that you were trying to do?

15:45 5 A. To scare him, I guess.

15:45 6 Q. Why did you want to do that?

15:46 7 A. Because I was upset at him because I still have
15:46 8 flashbacks about -- about that abortion. And mostly
15:46 9 that was what was discussed between Mr. Ramirez and I
15:46 10 that day.

15:46 11 He offered to -- to meet up with me here
15:46 12 in Roma to talk about it, you know, that -- that his
15:46 13 wife was -- his wife was -- his now wife was going to
15:46 14 find out and that his career could be over and for me
15:46 15 to reconsider, that we could work things out. And I
15:46 16 started telling him that I was upset at him, that I
15:46 17 disliked him because of what -- that why could -- could
15:46 18 Ana, his first wife, and Tracie, his second wife, could
15:46 19 have his children and I couldn't.

15:46 20 And I asked him, "Is it because you
15:46 21 consider us -- you consider me low class or because
15:46 22 you're embarrassed that -- that a person like me
15:47 23 could -- could have a child with a person like you?"
15:47 24 And that's when we had it out big time, me and
15:47 25 Mr. Ramirez.

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15:47 1 Q. Was he --

15:47 2 A. And after that --

15:47 3 Q. Go ahead.

15:47 4 A. Excuse me. Sorry.

15:47 5 Q. No, no. Please go ahead.

15:47 6 A. And after that, we didn't speak, and then I --
15:47 7 I think, I'm not sure, ma'am, I think I texted him to
15:47 8 apologize, to apologize to him for -- for telling him
15:47 9 that I was going to disclose information.

15:47 10 And he told me that he forgave me. He had
15:47 11 a meeting with my mom, and I -- I said -- I told
15:47 12 Mr. Ramirez I was going with my mom to go -- whatever
15:48 13 they had to talk about, but I wanted to talk to him in
15:48 14 person to delete the messages in front of him so he
15:48 15 could know that I was not going to do it again, I was
15:48 16 not going to threaten him again, that I was -- I was
15:48 17 going to disclose information.

15:48 18 So yes, my mom was with me that day. She
15:48 19 was inside the car. Me and Mr. Ramirez were behind --
15:48 20 standing behind the car in the trunk, and I told him
15:48 21 that I was sorry, that it wouldn't happen again, that
15:48 22 for him to forgive me. And he said that -- for me to
15:48 23 not to worry that he would forgive me, and that -- so I
15:48 24 said, "I'm going to -- I'm going to erase the text
15:48 25 messages here in front of you."

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15:48 1 He said, "Becky, you don't have to do
15:48 2 that. I trust you." He told me that.

15:48 3 So I said, "No. I want do it in front of
15:48 4 you so you can see." So I did. I deleted the text
15:48 5 messages in front of him.

15:48 6 Q. And were these all -- like all of your text
15:49 7 messages with each other, or was it a specific
15:49 8 conversation?

15:49 9 A. There was a lot of text messages, ma'am. It
15:49 10 was about -- about -- before he was -- he ran for DA,
15:49 11 while he was running for DA, after he ran for DA, when
15:49 12 he -- when he got married, he called me the following
15:49 13 day to let me know that he got married because he
15:49 14 didn't want me to hear it from somebody else.

15:49 15 All those things were in -- in the text
15:49 16 messages and also about my abortion. Everything was
15:49 17 there.

15:49 18 Q. Okay.

15:49 19 A. So -- hello.

15:49 20 Q. Hi. I'm not sure if I froze or you froze.
15:49 21 There. I see --

15:49 22 A. Sorry.

15:49 23 Q. Okay. So and that was -- that conversation --
15:49 24 I guess the Facebook post happened, and then after
15:49 25 that, you had the meeting in November 2022?

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I, DONNA MCCOWN, Certified Court Reporter, certify that the witness, BECKY ANN ROCHA, was duly sworn by me, and that the deposition transcript is a true and correct record of the testimony given by the witness remotely on JUNE 4, 2025, and that the deposition was reported by me remotely in stenograph and was subsequently transcribed under my supervision.

Pursuant to Federal Rule 30(e)(2), a review of the transcript was requested.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor a relative or employee of such attorney or counsel, nor am I financially interested in the action.

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